

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A dishwasher comprising
at least one rinsing container having an interior in which items to be subjected to a dishwashing treatment are disposed; and
a spray device for spraying rinsing liquid into the interior of the rinsing container, the spray device including at least one spray channel for guiding a rinsing liquid and at least one distributor for regulating the supply of rinsing liquid to the at least one spray channel, the at least one spray channel having, on a side directed towards the interior of the rinsing container, openings for the passage therethrough of the rinsing liquid and having two open ends via which rinsing liquid can be supplied in a pressurised manner.
12. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the at least one distributor is mounted to be movable relative to the at least one spray channel in a selected one of a to-and-fro displacement movement in alternating directions and a movement that is not a to-and-fro displacement movement in alternating directions.
13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the at least one distributor has at least one opening through which rinsing liquid can be supplied in a pressurised manner via an open end of the spray channel in a predetermined position of the distributor.

14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, and further comprising another distributor, the at least one distributor being at the first open end of the at least one spray channel and the other distributor being provided at the second open end of the at least one spray channel and the at least one spray channel and the other distributor operating to regulate the supply of rinsing liquid to the spray channel.
15. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 11, and further comprising another distributor and wherein the at least one spray channel is one of a plurality of spray channels each of which has a first open end ~~is each~~ coupled to the at least one distributor and a second open end coupled to the other distributor.
16. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, and further comprising drive means for driving the at least one distributor in a periodic movement.
17. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 16, wherein the at least one distributor includes a drive slot and the drive means includes a rotary disk and a cam arranged thereon, which engages in the drive slot formed in the at least one distributor.
18. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the pressure at which the rinsing liquid is supplied to the spray channel is variable.
19. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the at least one spray channel is tubular and the openings for the passage of rinsing liquid of the at least one spray channel are configured over a predetermined arc segment of

the at least one spray channel on the side thereof directed towards the interior of the rinsing container.

20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the rinsing container is trough-shaped and the at least one spray channel is one of a plurality of spray channels that are aligned parallel to one another at least on the bottom of the rinsing container.
21. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, further comprising:
a second distributor,
wherein the at least one distributor is at the first open end of the at least one spray channel and the second distributor is at the second open end of the at least one spray channel,
wherein the at least one distributor and the second distributor cooperate to regulate a quantity of rinsing liquid supplied to the spray channel and a pressure of the rinsing liquid in parts of the spray channel.
22. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the at least one distributor is movable relative to the at least one spray channel in a to-and-fro displacement movement in alternating directions.
23. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 22, and further comprising drive means for driving the at least one distributor in a periodic movement,
wherein the at least one distributor includes a drive slot, and
wherein the drive means includes:
a rotary disk; and
a cam arranged on the rotary disk and engaging the drive slot formed in the at least one distributor.

24. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising
at least one rinsing container having an interior in which items to be subjected to a
dishwashing treatment are disposed; and
a spray device that sprays rinsing liquid into the interior of the rinsing container,
the spray device including:
a plurality of spray channels that guide and spray a rinsing liquid into the interior
of the rinsing container, the plurality of spray channels including openings for the
passage therethrough of the rinsing liquid on a side directed towards the interior
of the rinsing container, and two open ends into which rinsing liquid can be
supplied; and
a first plate-shaped distributor engaging a first open end of the two open ends of
each one of the plurality of spray channels, the first plate-shaped distributor
selectively distributing the rinsing liquid to the first open end.
25. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 24, wherein the first
plate-shaped distributor selectively varies a quantity and a pressure of the rinsing
liquid being supplied to the first open end of each the one of the plurality of spray
channels.
26. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 24, wherein the first
plate-shaped distributor is movable in a to-and-fro displacement movement in
alternating directions relative to the first open end of each the one of the plurality
of spray channels.
27. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 26, comprising:
drive means for driving the first plate-shaped distributor in the to-and-fro
displacement movement in the alternating directions,
wherein the first plate-shaped distributor includes a drive slot, and

wherein the drive means includes:

a rotary disk; and

a cam arranged on the rotary disk and engaging the drive slot formed in the first plate-shaped distributor.

28. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 26, wherein the first plate-shaped distributor includes a plurality of openings ~~an opening~~ selectively coupling with the first open end of each ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels during the to-and-fro displacement movement.
29. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 28, wherein the first plate-shaped distributor is selectively moveable in the to-and-fro displacement movement between a first position in which a first opening of the plurality of openings ~~the opening~~ is completely aligned with the first open end of ~~[[the]]~~ one of the plurality of spray channels, a second position in which the first opening of the plurality of openings ~~opening~~ is partially aligned with the first open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, and a third position in which the first opening of the plurality of openings ~~opening~~ is completely not aligned with the first open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels.
30. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising
at least one rinsing container having an interior in which items to be subjected to a
dishwashing treatment are disposed; and
a spray device that sprays rinsing liquid into the interior of the rinsing container,
the spray device including:
a plurality of spray channels that guide and spray a rinsing liquid into the interior
of the rinsing container, the plurality of spray channels including openings for the
passage therethrough of the rinsing liquid on a side directed towards the interior

of the rinsing container, and two open ends into which rinsing liquid can be supplied; and
a first plate-shaped distributor engaging a first open end of the two open ends of one of the plurality of spray channels, the first plate-shaped distributor selectively distributing the rinsing liquid to the first open end,
wherein the first plate-shaped distributor is movable in a to-and-fro displacement movement in alternating directions relative to the first open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, and
The dishwasher according to claim 26,
wherein the first plate-shaped distributor includes a plurality of openings each selectively and respectively coupling with a plurality of first open ends of the two open ends of the plurality of spray channels during the to-and-fro displacement movement.

31. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 24, comprising:
a second plate-shaped distributor engaging a second open end of the two open ends of ~~each~~ ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels, the second plate-shaped distributor selectively distributing the rinsing liquid to the second open end of ~~each~~ ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels,
wherein the first plate-shaped distributor and the second plate-shaped distributor cooperate to regulate the quantity of rinsing liquid supplied to the plurality of spray channels and the pressure of the rinsing liquid in parts of each of the plurality of spray channels.
32. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 31, wherein the second plate-shaped distributor selectively varies a quantity and a pressure of the rinsing liquid being supplied to the second open end of ~~each~~ ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels.

33. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 31, wherein the second plate-shaped distributor is movable in a to-and-fro displacement movement in alternating directions relative to the second open end of each ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels.
34. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 33, comprising:
drive means for driving the second plate-shaped distributor in the to-and-fro displacement movement in the alternating directions,
wherein the second plate-shaped distributor includes a drive slot, and
wherein the drive means includes:
a rotary disk; and
a cam arranged on the rotary disk and engaging the drive slot formed in the second plate-shaped distributor.
35. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 33, wherein the second ~~first~~ plate-shaped distributor includes a plurality of openings ~~an opening~~ selectively coupling with the second open end of each ~~the one~~ of the plurality of spray channels during the to-and-fro displacement movement.
36. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 35, wherein the second plate-shaped distributor is selectively moveable in the to-and-fro displacement movement between a first position in which a first opening of the plurality of openings ~~the opening~~ is completely aligned with the second open end of ~~[[the]]~~ one of the plurality of spray channels, a second position in which the first opening of the plurality of openings ~~opening~~ is partially aligned with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, and a third position in which the first opening of the plurality of openings ~~opening~~ is completely not aligned with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels.

37. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising
at least one rinsing container having an interior in which items to be subjected to a
dishwashing treatment are disposed;
a spray device that sprays rinsing liquid into the interior of the rinsing container,
the spray device including:
a plurality of spray channels that guide and spray a rinsing liquid into the
interior of the rinsing container, the plurality of spray channels including
openings for the passage therethrough of the rinsing liquid on a side
directed towards the interior of the rinsing container, and two open ends
into which rinsing liquid can be supplied; and
a first plate-shaped distributor engaging a first open end of the two open
ends of one of the plurality of spray channels, the first plate-shaped
distributor selectively distributing the rinsing liquid to the first open end;
and
a second plate-shaped distributor engaging a second open end of the two open
ends of the one of the plurality of spray channels, the second plate-shaped
distributor selectively distributing the rinsing liquid to the second open end of the
one of the plurality of spray channels,
wherein the first plate-shaped distributor and the second plate-shaped distributor
cooperate to regulate the quantity of rinsing liquid supplied to the plurality of
spray channels and the pressure of the rinsing liquid in parts of each of the
plurality of spray channels,
wherein the second plate-shaped distributor is movable in a to-and-fro
displacement movement in alternating directions relative to the second open end
of the one of the plurality of spray channels,
wherein the second plate-shaped distributor includes an opening selectively
coupling with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels
during the to-and-fro displacement movement,

wherein the second plate-shaped distributor is selectively moveable in the to-and-fro displacement movement between a first position in which the opening is completely aligned with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, a second position in which the opening is partially aligned with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, and a third position in which the opening is completely not aligned with the second open end of the one of the plurality of spray channels, and

The dishwasher according to claim 36,

wherein the second plate-shaped distributor includes a plurality of openings each selectively and respectively coupling with the second open end of the two open ends of each of the plurality of spray channels during the to-and-fro displacement movement.

38. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of spray channels are aligned parallel to one another at least on a bottom of the rinsing container.
39. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of spray channels are one of formed in and arranged on one of a bottom of the rinsing container, a side of the rinsing container, and a top of the rinsing container.
40. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of spray channels are one of formed in and arranged on each of a bottom of the rinsing container, a side of the rinsing container, and a top of the rinsing container.
41. (Previously presented) The dishwasher according to claim 38, wherein the plurality of spray channels are parallel to each other.

42. (Withdrawn) The dishwasher according to claim 38, wherein a first spray channel of the plurality of spray channels lies in a first plane parallel to the bottom of the rinsing container,
- wherein a second spray channel of the plurality of spray channels lies in a second plane parallel to the bottom of the rinsing container, and
- wherein the first plane is different than the second plane.